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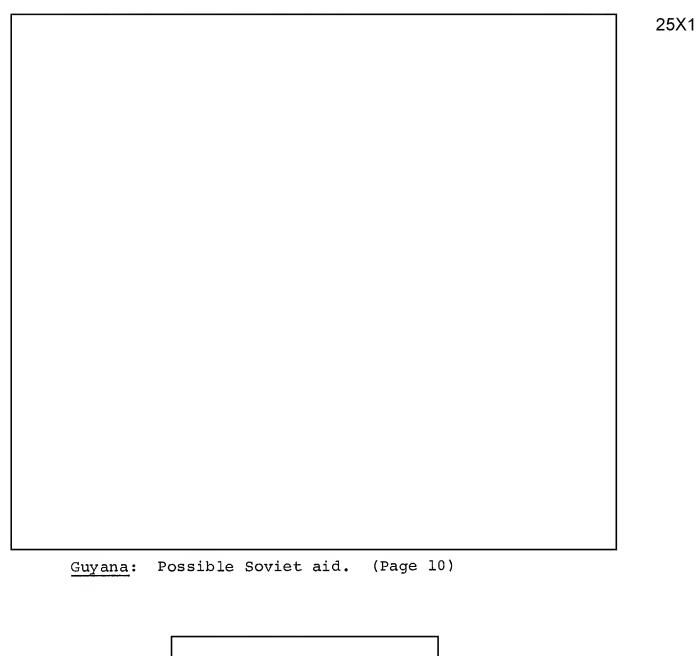
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Guyana: Prime Minister Burnham is planning to investigate Soviet bloc financing for a large hydroelectric project which, among other things, would allow local production of aluminium from Guyana's vast bauxite reserves. A Czechoslovak engineer is now in the country at the invitation of the Guyanese Government to examine technical plans. Burnham says he has become discouraged by the lack of enthusiasm in the West for the project, and he may be hoping that this ploy will loosen the purse strings. He is eager to demonstrate his political independence, however, and if bloc sources make a good offer he might accept.

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